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SUBJ: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DAY II: ELECTION OF BUREAU
AND AGENDA EMENDATIONS

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SUMMARY: COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) INSTALLED BUREAU FOR
31ST ORDINARY SESSION ON JULY 8, FOLLOWING MINOR DELAYS IN
MORNING. NEW AGENDA PROPOSALS ON PAN-AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE,
NEO-COLONIALIST MANEUVERS, MERCENARY ACTIVITIES AND AFRICAN
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STRATEGY TOWARD NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WERE ACCEPTED BY COM.
POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL REPORTS ON ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA,
ETHIOPIA/SUDAN AND CHAD/LIBYA MEDIATION EFFORTS WERE
DETERRED TO HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT. COMMITTEE ASSIGN-
MENTS AND ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS WERE ALSO COMPLETED
AND COM NOW APPEARS TO BE SETTLING INTO WORK ROUTINE.
END SUMMARY

1. BRIEF MORNING SESSION JULY 8 (REF A) RESULTED IN TRANSFER OF COM CHAIRMANSHIP FROM LIBYAN FONMIN TURAIKI TO SUDANESE VICE-PRES AND FONMIN EL-RASHEED EL-TAHIR BAKR. OTHER BUREAU MEMBERS FOR 31ST COM WERE NAMED AT EVENING SESSION, AS FOLLOWS:

1ST VICE-CHAIRMAN, WHO WILL CHAIR POLITICAL COMMITTEE, - MOROCCO (AN APPARENT COMPROMISE WITHIN NORTH AFRICA REGION);
2ND VICE-CHAIRMAN, WHO WILL CHAIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE, - IVORY COAST;
3RD VICE-CHAIRMAN, WHO WILL CHAIR PLENARY SESSIONS OF ASSEMBLY OF WHOLE, - ANGOLA
RAPPORTEUR - LESOTHO.

ONLY DIFFICULTY IN FORMING COM BUREAU, WHICH HAD BEEN DECIDED AT OAU SECRETARIAT PREVIOUS MONTH, OCCURRED WITHIN NORTH AFRICA GROUP.

2. FINAL AGENDA FOR COM WAS ALSO DISCLOSED BY OAU SPOKESMAN ONU JULY 8. FINAL VERSION OF AGENDA GENERALLY FOLLOWS "PROVISIONAL DRAFT" PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, BUT WITH SOME INTERESTING CHANGES. COM HAS DECIDED TO DELETE FROM ITS AGENDA REPORTS ON ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA/SUDAN AND CHAD/LIBYA MEDIATION EFFORTS AND TO ADD THOSE ITEMS TO HEADS OF STATE (AHG) SUMMIT AGENDA. COM HAS FURTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCEPTED 4 NEW DRAFT PROPOSALS FROM MEMBER STATES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PAN-AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE - PROPOSED BY CONGO-B

(B) MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST NEO-COLONIALIST MANEUVERS IN INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA - ALGERIA, ANGOLA, BENIN, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ETHIOPIA, GUINEA, LIBYA, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, MOZAMBIQUE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND ZAIRE

(C) AGGRESSIONS AND ATTEMPTS OF INVASIONS BY MERCENARIES AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN AND OTHER INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES - BENIN, ALGERIA, ANGOLA, CAPE VERDE, GUINEA, LIBYA, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND SEYCHELLES

(D) ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON AFRICAN STRATEGY FOR THE RE-ENFORCEMENT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT - SENEGAL, EGYPT, MOROCCO, GAMBIA, MAURITIUS AND ALGERIA.

3. TEXTS OF NEW DRAFT PROPOSALS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, IT IS SOMEWHAT CLEAR FROM CO-SPONSORSHIP OF EACH RESOLUTION GENERAL THRUST SPONSORS HOPE COM WILL ADOPT. MOROCCO AND ZAIRE WERE ADDED AS CO-SPONSORS TO PROPOSAL (B)

AT LAST MOMENT, AND IT APPEARS SAME WAS TRUE FOR MAURITANIA
AND MOROCCO ON PROPOSAL (C) AND ALGERIA ON PROPOSAL (D).
LATEST PROPOSALS REFLECT PRE-CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS AMONG
OAU MEMBER STATES AND ARE NOT VERY SURPRISING GIVEN
INTENSE CONTINENT-WIDE INTEREST IN SUBJECTS.

4. EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL SAID MEDIATION REPORTS HAD BEEN
DEFERRED TO AHG BECAUSE COM BELIEVED THEY MIGHT UNNEC-
ESSARILY DISRUPT COM. DECISION TO NAME MOROCCO
AS 1ST VICE-CHAIRMAN IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL MATTERS IS
TACTICAL VICTORY FOR "MODERATES", AS COMMITTEE DISCUS-
SIONS OF POLITICAL ISSUES ARE SUBJECT TO INFLUENCE OF
CHAIRMAN.

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